

Jon's Commitment to Expanding Affordable Housing in Montana



Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief & Consumer Protection Act

Jon authored and passed this bipartisan bill (S.2155) to protect taxpayers and ensure that smaller mortgage originators, such as the community banks and credit unions, continue to play an important role in the lending process. Among its many housing-related provisions, this bill makes it easier for small financial institutions to lend to families, while keeping key consumer protections in place. It also makes it easier for community banks and credits unions to find mortgage products that better suit folks living in rural America.



Small Public Housing Agency Opportunity Act

Jon authored and introduced this bipartisan bill last Congress to reduce red tape for small public housing agencies by simplifying inspection, monitoring compliance requirements, and eliminating excessive paperwork. Several of the bill's provisions were incorporated into the S.2155, which was signed into law in May and will allow public housing agencies to use their resources more effectively so they can better focus on serving low-income families in Montana.



Veterans Housing

Jon is committed to helping homeless veterans find housing. As Ranking Member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, he has led the charge to reauthorize and fund the HUD-VASH program, which provides vouchers to chronically homeless and at-risk veterans. Jon has also introduced the bipartisan *Homeless Veterans Reintegration Act* to improve this program and make sure veterans who qualify for HUD-VASH assistance can continue to access job training programs.



Housing Program Funding

Jon uses his seat on the Senate Appropriations Committee to fight for HOME, NeighborWorks, Housing Counseling, and Section 4 Capacity Building funding. He believes these initiatives create economic opportunity for Montana families. In 2017, Jon helped bring home:

- **\$3.7 million through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)** – to fund local housing initiatives like NeighborWorks and support services like down payment assistance.
- **\$7.5 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)** – to increase affordable housing, create jobs, and provide services to the most vulnerable members of our communities.

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